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Adams Telephone Co-Operative

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Dana Baker, COO

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Sincerely,

Keith Gibson

President

Pinnacle Communications

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Ms. Marlene Dortch

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission

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The proposed interim measure will relieve the rapidly growing pressure on the high-cost USF mechanism resulting from the explosive growth in CETC USF support. Adopting the 18-month interim CETC USF cap will provide the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) enough time to develop and implement long-term USF reform measures without risking the sustainability of the fund or public safety.

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Scapanski  
Benton Cooperative Telephone Company  
Rice, MN 56367

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Sincerely,

Jason D. Thies

Egyptian Telephone Cooperative

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Sincerely,

Rhonda Maun, CEO  
Consortia Consulting by TELECOM

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Aaron R. Macke

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Sincerely,

Brandon Smith  
McDonough Telephone  
Colchester, IL  
309-776-3211

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Yours truly,

Robert W. Schwartz, President  
Madison Communications

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Bill Scranton  
President, Board of Directors  
Adams Telephone Co-operative  
405 Emminga Road  
PO Box 217  
Golden IL 62339-0217  
217-696-4411

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Sincerely,

Randy Hahn

Mid-century telephone coop.

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Sincerely,

Roger M Butler

Financial Manager

Mid Century Telephone Cooperative

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Sincerely,

Gale L. Griffin

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Robert Butler

Accounting Manager

Home Telephone Co.

Saint Jacob, Illinois

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Patricia Donley  
ADAMS TELEPHONE CO-OPERATIVE

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Steve Russell  
MidCentury Telephone Co-operative

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Lester D. Fowler

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Melvin Moore

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